Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Here is wishing the Editor of the Times-Virginian and his staff and all the readers a Merry Christmas and a bright Happy New Year. Keep Christ in Christmas - you will be blessed.

Congratulations to David and Essie Reed who won the anniversary cake from Food World on Dec. 10.

Get-well wishes go out to Robert McClenny who is doing much better. May he have a quick recovery.

Get-well wishes go out to Ed Davis who is not very well. May he have a quick recovery.

Mr. Calvin Rosser is not feeling well. May he soon be up and out again.

The Fidelis Sunday school class had their Christmas Party on Friday night, Dec. 7 with 100 percent of their membership present at a restaurant in Appomattox, Country Fare.

Mr. Roy Jones continues sick. May he have a quick recovery. He came home Wednesday.

A nice crowd came out for the community club Christmas Party on Saturday night, Dec. 8. Mrs. Rosa Inge of Farmville was our guest speaker. Gifts were exchanged.

A large number went to Virginia Beach last Sunday to help Mrs. Zelia Ransone celebrate her 75th birthday. It was a big surprise for her.

A very large crowd was at Rocks on Sunday night. It was a Lights Special Christmas Service, the Lottie Moon offering was taken. The Liberty Baptist Bell Choir was present. Refreshments were served. Lottie Moon's Goal was reached and passed. A number of Poinsettias were placed in windows by members. A group from Laura Lee Circle and the other circles went to Bedner's at Keysville for the Christmas Store on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond went to V.P.I. on Tuesday to get their son, Tim, who will spend Christmas at home.

The Fellowship and Mildred Collins Classes celebrated Christmas together on Thursday night, Dec. 13 at the Country Fare Restaurant in Appomattox.

Glad JoAnn East went back to work on Monday. She is doing much better.

Mr. and Mrs Larry Williams of Wayesboro were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs R.E. Roach a few Sundays ago. Glad Dora Jean is doing much better.

Get-well wishes go out to Mrs. Lockie Martin who went to the doctor last Monday. She will go back this week. May she have a speedy recovery.

Get-well wishes go out to Mrs. Miran Richardson, who is not feeling well.

The Elaine Hancock Circle of Elon Baptist Church visited the Spout Spring Nursing Home last Monday evening. They later had a social hour with Mrs. John Hix.

A speedy recovery is wished Miss Annie Hancock, who broke her ankle.

Congratulations to Diane Harvey who won the birthday cake from Food World on Dec. 14

Mr and Mrs. Charlie Lovini have arrived to visit her father, W.R. Moore and her brother, Bernard Moore for a few days

Mr and Mrs Rufus Cawthorne have moved from Appomattox to Pompano Beach, Fla They will be greatly missed.

Sympathy goes out to the McDearmon family whose loved one passed away this week.

Chestnut Grove news

The Adult Sunday School Class of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church met Sunday night at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant at Fork Union for supper.

Mrs. Alice Senger had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger and Mrs. Thelma Self.

C. Henson Morris is improving at Lynchburg General Hospital after having surgery Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris attended a 60th wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. George Inge Saturday at Chester.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilkerson of Crewe were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Cook.

Billy Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Tracey Powers spent the weekend in Richmond and attended the Phillip Morris Christmas party with Mrs. Morris Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris and Jennifer of Farmville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris were Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Waycaster and Dianne Hunter, all of Dillwyn; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mundy of Cumberland. The occasion was in honor of Mr. Waycaster's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eder and Jennifer of Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. K.M. Beasley, Jr., Kathy and Kemper III were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Proffitt and Mrs. Ellen Beasley attended a family gathering Saturday in Charlottesville honoring Mrs. C.D. Proffitt's 96th birthday.

Mrs. Vernard C. Proffitt and Ethel and Mrs. Ellen Beasley attended the presentation of the Living Christmas Tree at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Faron Holland of Newport News spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris. Kathi remained for the week with her parents.

December is designated 'Reading Month' in state

December has been designated "Virginia Reading Month" by Governor Charles Robb. The 1984 theme is "Virginians are Reading . . .for Literacy, Leisure, and Lifelong Learning." Appomattox Primary School is very much aware of the importance of reading, so special activities are being pursued in many ways throughout the school.

In Mrs. Agee's second-grade class, the students enjoyed writing original stories which now adorn the Christmas tree in the school library. Prior to the writing of these stories, the class studied story elements including characters, setting, action, and structure. Upon completion of each story, the student-authors became illustrators, as well.

Mrs. Agee's students are happy to share these stories during "Virginia Reading Month."

Following is Karen Robinson's creative work:

THAT BIG MOUTH SANDRA!

Once there was a witch named Sandra. Everyone called her "Big Mouth Sandra" because she talked and talked all of the time.

One day she was walking down the street when Mr. Cosby yelled, "Here comes Big Mouth Sandra! Run! Run! And if you don't she is going to cause trouble, and I mean trouble!"

And then Mr. Jones stood up and said, "I know what to do. Let's listen to Sandra for a change. If we listen, maybe she'll stop talking so much."

They all listened to what Sandra said. It worked. She's now a lovely, sweet little witch.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, Dec. 20 - The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at the Country Fare Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Members are aksed to bring mementos or pictures pertaining to the past history of the chapter.

Friday, Dec. 21 - A Christmas Program will be held at Central Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. A special invitation is extended to everyone.

Sunday, Dec. 23 - A Christmas cantata, "A King Comes" will be presented by the adult choir of New Hope Baptist Church at 11 a.m. The Rev. Bob Williams, pastor and members invite you to attend this special Christmas service.

Friday, Dec. 28 - The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Memorial United Methodist Church from 12 noon until 6 p.m. The quota is 110 units of blood.

Through January 1 - The Appomattox County Historical Society is again presenting their Christmas window at the School Board Office on Main Street. The public is invited to come by and see the old-fashioned scene.

FNB declares dividend

The Board of Directors of Farmers National Bank of Appomattox, Virginia has declared a simi-annual cash dividend of $1.50 per share, payable December 31, 1984 to shareholders on record December 11, 1984.

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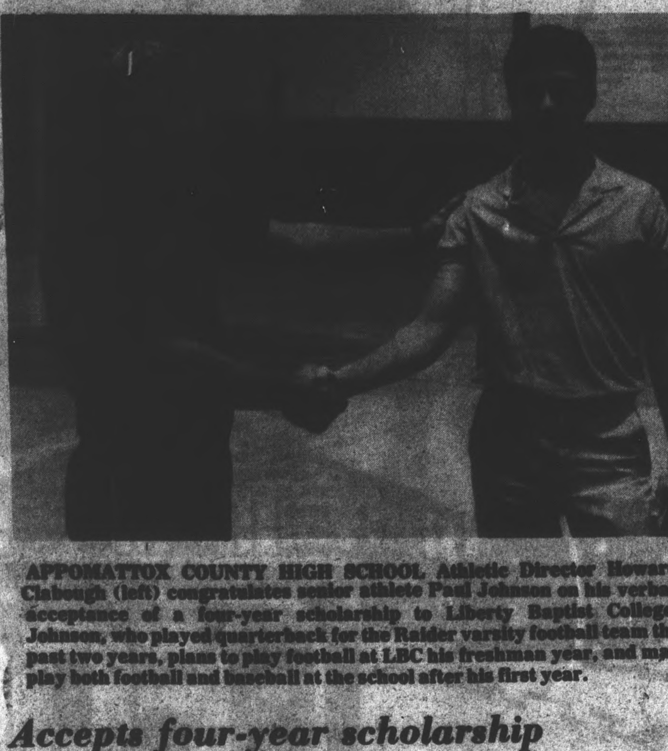

APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Athletic Director Howard Clabough (left) congratulates senior athlete Paul Johnson on his verbal acceptance of a four-year scholarship to Liberty Baptist College. Johnson, who played quarterback for the Raider varsity football team the past two years, plans to play football at LBC his freshman year, and may play both football and baseball at the school after his first year.

Accepts four-year scholarship

Johnson will play at LBC

Appomattox football fans who enjoyed the Raiders' passing game the past two seasons should have the opportunity to indulge their taste for that brand of action for four more seasons.

Paul Johnson, a senior who led the Raiders at quarterback the past two seasons, has agreed verbally to accept a full scholarship to play football at Lynchburg's Liberty Baptist College.

Technically, Johnson cannot sign the scholarship agreement until Feb.1 according to NCAA rules. But he says he has made up his mind about where he wants to attend college.

"Liberty Baptist is my first choice," says Johnson. "I was open to other options, but the type of play at LBC is most to my liking."

Johnson notes that the Flames passed about 40 times per game this season, and passing is Johnson's forte. He passed for 1,768 yards this season, enroute to being named first all-district and all-region as well as second team all-state.

"Phil Basso, the quarterback for LBC this year (who is graduating at the end of this school year, passed for 300-plus yards per game this season," Johnson notes. "Thats the kind of offense I like."

Raider victory football coach Gary Cuccio said this week, "Paul had an outstanding year, and we're very happy that he has decided to continue his football career at Liberty Baptist."

Cuccio pointed to Johnson's ability to read defensive coverages and his "exceptionally quick release" as key elements in hit passing success.

"He's not only an outstanding athlete, but an outstanding person, as well," commented Cuccio.

Howard Clabough, athletic director at the high school, points out that the LBC athletic department was prepared to offer Johnson a scholarship to play football, baseball or both. "They really wanted Paul to sign there," Clabough note.

Johnson says he had opted to play football his first season at LBC. He will go through the spring training session which coincides with baseball, as a freshman. He plans to try and play football and baseball his sophomore year.

"He wants to get to know the football program well, so he's planning to stick with football only the first year, to have the benefit of the spring training," Clabough notes.

Clabough adds that scouts from several colleges, including Virginia Military Institute, James Madison University, University of Virginia, Elon and Lynchburg Colleges, have been eying Johnson for his talent in baseball. Johnson was named to the all-district tgeam his sophomore and junior years, and has a year as yet to play in the Seminole district.

"Paul's made a very sound choice in goping to LBC," Clabough notes. "His absence next year will be a tremendous loss to our school in general, not just in athletics. He's a first-class young man on and off the playing field."

In hard fought battles

Raiders win 2

Appomattox scored victories in two hard fought varsity basketball contests last week, defeating Gretna 56-51 Tuesday, and dropping Brookville 54-49 Friday night.

The two wins set the Raiders' varsity record at 3-2, with a 3-1 district record, going into the Christmas break.

Gretna jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first quarter of Tuesday night's game before the Raiders got on the scoreboard. The Raiders trimmed that lead to 17-8 by the end of the quarter, however, and had pulled ahead by a point, 24-23 at the end of the first half.

The team played even in the third quarter, with each squad scoring 11 points. In the final period, Appomattox outscored Gretna 21-17 to claim victory, 56-51.

The win marked only the second time in the past five years that Appomattox's varsity basketball team had defeated Gretna's.

Mike Jackson led all scorers with 22 points. Tim Austin had 16 points, Kinckle Robinson had 11, Jack Baker had five points and Ron Kelso had two points for Appomattox.

For Gretna, Robert Cosby scored 14 points; Qmon King scored 17, and Donzel Davis scored 10 points.

"I was proud of the way the kids performed. We were behind as much as 10 and 12 points early in the game, but we came back again," commented Raider coach Coty DIckerson. "I told the kids not to get caught up in the emotion of the game if they got out to an early lead, and they responded well" Dickerson noted.

In Friday evening's game, the Raiders again fell behind early, with Brookville taking a 14-8 lead in the first quarter. As in the Gretna game however, the Raiders came back again in the second quarter, and the score was tied at 24-24 when the first half ended.

Brookville pulled out in front again in the third quarter, outscoring Appomattox 14-10 but the Raiders , primarily through solid freethrow shooting went on top to stay late in the final period and the game ended a 54-49 Appomattox victory.

Tim Austin was high scorer for Appomattox, with 14 points. Mike Jackson scored 13 points for the Raiders, Neal Kelso scored 12 points, Tom Cobb scored five points, Alex Almond and Kinckle Robinson each scored four points and Jack Baker scored two points for Appomattox.

Brian Stanley was high scorer for Brookville, with 16 points.

"We didn't shoot very well from the floor," DIckerson commented , regarding the Brookville contest. "But we hit some timely freethrows. This was the type of situation you have to be able to come out of with a win if you're going to have a good season," he added.

The coach noted that Austin hit 8 of 10 freethrows in the fourth quarter, and the rebounding of Mike Jackson and Tom Cobb was instrumental in the Raiders' being able to stave off Brookville.

"We must continue to take one game at the time," Dickerson said of his squad. We have to continue to work hard, and never look past anybody. This is a tough district and many of the games this far in the season have been close contests."

The Raiders will not play again until Jan. 4, when they travel to Nelson County. The following night, the team will play Amherst at Amherst, and Jan. 8 the team will play William Campbell at home.

Oops......

NEAL KELSO STRUGGLES with a Gretna player during last week's Raider varsity basketball game. The Raiders won the contest, and also won Friday night's game against Brookville, to finish the pre-Christmas portion of their schedule with a 3-1 district record.

At UNC-G

Smith excels

Appomattox's Ruby Smith, a sophomore guard at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's women's basketball team, is leading the squad in field goal percentage this season.

The 1983 Appomattox County High School graduate has hit 29 of 53 shots for a 55 percent field goal average.

Smith also leads the team in assists, averaging four assists per game.

The Lady Spartans have compiled a 6-2 overall record so far this season, and a 3-0 record in the Dixie Conference.

In close contests

Jayvees lose to Gretna, Brookville

The Raider junior varsity basketball team lost games to Gretna and Brookville last week, lowering the squad's record to 0-5.

Tuesday's game against Gretna saw the Raiders battle the Hawks closely for the first three quarter, but Gretna outscored Appomattox 15-6 in the final period to record a 43-35 victory.

Chip Herncall and Jeff Agee had good games on offense and defense for Appomattox, according to coach Bob Hudson. Keith Robertson was Appomattox's top scorer with 10 points, and John Fedison has six rebounds to lead the Raiders in that department.

Friday evening's game against Brookville was a squeaker, with the jayvee Bees pulling the game out at the end, 49-47.

Calvin Ligon led the Raiders offensively, with 9 points, and Tim Turner and Clyde Randolph both played well for Appomattox, according to Hudson.

"Brookville's foul shooting was our downfall," the coach noted. "The Bees hit 23 of 34 shots from the foul line, compared to our 17 of 13."

The junior varsity basketball team will be idle until after the Christmas holidays.

WINNERS IN THE RECENT American Legion Oratorical Contest were, first place - Richard Steadman; second place - Brett Marston; and third place - Janet Smith. As school winner Richard will represent Appomattox County High School at the district competition in January.

Students in contest

Six students at Appomattox County High School participated in the 48th annual National High School Oratorical Contest sponsored by the American Legion. Contestants were Brett Marston, Tiffany Royal, Richard Steadman, Tina Campbell, Barry Phelps and Janet Smith.

The contest consisted of an eight-to-ten-minute prepared oration and a three-to-five minute extemporaneous talk on the U.S. constitution. Contestants were judged on the content of their discourse which included originality and knowledge of the topic, use of examples, logic and comprehension of the subject matter. Also judged were their speaking skills which included voice and diction, style, poise and eye contact. Penalty points were also deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over or under the alloted time.

Each student chose his or her speech topic which had to discuss some phase of the Constitution of the United States which emphasized duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. Each participant underwent much work in researching, preparing and memorizing orations. Presentations were made without the use of lecturne, notes or amplification. A five-minute preparation time was alloted to speakers after notification of extemperaneous topic.

Judges for the contest were given the difficult task of scoring each contestant in areas stated above. Tabulation of scores then determined winners. Contest judges were Mrs. Hezteine Foster, Dr. S.R. Lawson and Mr. James A. Smith. Official time keeper was Kathy Bryan.

School winner in the contest is Richard Steadman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Steadman of Spout Spring. A senior this year Richard is planning a career in Business Administration or Data Processing and hopes to begin formal education at CVCC and possibly to transfer to Lynchburg College next year. As school winner Richard will receive $100 and an American flag presented jointly by the local American Legion Post and Appomattox County High School. Richard will have the opportunity to compete on a district level on Jan. 17, 1985, from which winners advance to state and national competitions.

First-place winner is Brett Marston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marston of Red House, and second-place winner is Janet Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Smith of Appomattox. Brett will receive $50 prize and Janet a prize of $25.

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